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HILLMAN'S MOTION

"Among the members of the majority" says our information from the state capital, "there is no desire to revive the factional spirit which marred the Lane session but on the contrary there is a purpose to begin clean and new It is to be hoped that this report is not entirely true. In 1882 there was an extraordinary occasion calling for extraordinary action An attempt was made to use the party machinery to impose upon the people for a place of high dignity, a man whom they did not want It would be worse than useless to discuss the motives behind the attempt to return John H Mitchell to the national senate, but the methods employed were such as commanded the allegiance, against their judgment and against their consciences, of many members of the legislature who would gladly have voted otherwise But there was a little band of republicans who, in violation of party dictation and in defiance of party menace, stood by what they knew to be the right. They refused to be pummeled or to be whipped in, and they triumphed These men who stood out have been vindicated by results Some of them have been returned to their seats in the legislature, and no single man of them has lost personal or political consideration as a consequence of his action at Salem. A united party and its two victories during the past year, prove the wisdom of the bolt of 1882.

There is now, happily, no call for a renewal of the old contest. Its cause no longer exists An element which has disturbed the party for years has gone from it forever Let the past be forgotten, its bitterness is past. The legislature has important work to do There is no time for wrangling Every hour taken from the session for personal or factious contests is an hour taken from serious business, and it means duty neglected No legislature in the whole career of the state has been so confronted with severe problems Let there be harmonious devotion to the work in hand, let no time be lost let no energy be wasted in looking back upon things that had better be forgotten. The majority owes its duty not only to the state, but in a degree to the party which it represents. That party has now for the first time in this state to meet the experience of an adverse national administration it must not meet it with divided ranks.

THE PACIFIC SLOPE WANTS THE CANAL

The senate does not yet evince a disposition to ratify the Nicaraguan treaty. People of our Pacific states and territories cannot but view with regret this hesitation and delay We want this short route for ocean commerce between the two sides of the continent, and we want it for shipment of our products to European markets Through the Nicaraguan canal we should gain incalculable advantages. The six senators from the Pacific states ought to push it as a Pacific coast as well as a national measure.

Even if the Panama canal shall be finished there will still be a demand for the canal at Nicaragua. Our commerce requires a canal under our own control Besides, Nicaragua is 800 miles nearer us than Panama, and sailing vessels from the latter must make a long detour in order to obtain the advantage of the monsoons, making a distance of 2100 miles, or fourteen days, in favor of Nicaragua, though on the return trip the difference is only about 900 miles, or four days. Although tonnage by steamers is increasing, yet at the present time the tonnage of sailing vessels largely exceeds that of steamers. The tonnage of sailing vessels in 1877 in the United States was twice as great as that of steam vessels, though at the present time it is only one-third more

The difference in favor of the route from Nicaragua to Japan, China and the Sandwich islands, is over 500 miles, while on the return it is about 600 miles, and to India and Australia, 400 miles. It is also stated that vessels can sail on a shorter time from Nicaragua to Valparaiso and Callao than from Panama, although the distance is considerably greater The saving for steamers, however, will not be nearly so great, amounting only to the direct distance between the two Pacific termini, that is, about 1300 miles for the round trip between Panama and San Francisco, or five days in a ten-knot steamer

The committee appointed by our government in 1877, consisting of General A. A. Humphreys (chief of engineers), Captain C P Patterson (superintendent of the United States coast survey) and Commodore Daniel Ammen, "after a long careful and minute study" of the several surveys of the various routes across the continent, reported unanimously in favor of the Nicaragua route as possessing "greater advantages, and offering fewer difficulties from engineering, commercial, and economic points of view, than any one of the other routes shown to be practicable."

From time to time a good many estimates of the tonnage that would use the canal have been made, none of which, obtained by the United States commission, range from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 tons of freight, and give an average of 3,804,000 tons per year. The estimated tolls—two dollars per ton, in addition to the port charges and other dues, but the actual expense to the vessel will depend upon the rule adopted for ascertaining the charge, and whether the tonnage is charged upon the actual amount of cargo carried or on the gross tonnage of the vessel

The tonnage of the world in 1870 amounted to 17,685,284 tons and in 1879 to 20,108,151 tons But the gain during this period was almost wholly in steam tonnage, it having increased from 2,406,498 tons in 1870 to 4,330,221 tons in 1879. There was, indeed, a small actual increase of sailing tonnage—only 332,799 tons in ten years, so it will be seen that new forces have been brought into operation which are materially changing the relative positions of steam and sail Prominent among these was the opening of the Suez canal. Sailing vessels cannot use the canal to advantage, hence the increased commerce resulting from its construction has called into existence much of the increased steam tonnage. It is very probable that, in the event of the opening of a canal by way of Nicaragua, the sailing tonnage would increase at a remarkably rapid rate, as this route lies in the region which is highly favorable to sailing vessels And, as will be shown,—all statements to the contrary notwithstanding,—steamers could, have not had there day, four hundred ports which ports might become points of vast activity in shipbuilding, under the stimulus of the new demand

The New York *Times* concludes that our weather is not respectable because it is not trustworthy. Our contemporary concludes that "our climate is no more to be trusted than is the most tricky politician It will promise at 60 o'clock in the morning to be warm, and it will be colder than zero at night Or it will compel us to put on our heaviest clothing in the morning and then give us summer heat in the afternoon In point of shameless mendacity and untrustworthiness our climate is fortunately, without a parallel The climate here is more reliable, though its dependence upon weather renders it somewhat subject to changes

A prominent democrat thinks that Mr Cleveland should not weaken the power of the party in congress by taking members of his cabinet from the senate and house With at least ten democrats in congress his administration will be practically powerless Every administration measure will have to run the gauntlet of the most experienced of the republican veterans Therefore, he says, "it is of the utmost importance when we are, so to speak, on trial that we should be as strong as possible in congress, where our principal fights will have to be made."

The weather man in the New York *Herald* office finds a compensation for the trouble the snow has caused for travelers in the fact that the snow blanket will save the wheat from being "winter-killed."

The merging in-bound railway trains to New York city average about one smoking car to six others, four of which, at least, are filled with men.

THE ALASKAN MONOPOLY

Mr Henley of California has asked the house of representatives to investigate the relations between the treasury department and the Alaska Commercial company. There is nothing wrong in asking for such investigation The company has a lease from the government, by which in the payment of $55,000 a year for seven years it enjoys for that period the exclusive privilege of killing fur seal on the two great seal islands—St. George and St Paul—off the Alaskan coast. The company is restricted in its killing to 100,000 fur seal a year Mr Henley charges that there is something wrong about this lease, though what it is he does not distinctly set forth His chief claim is that the company is making too much money out of it, or rather that it is not paying the government enough money for so exclusive and valuable a franchise, which is perhaps correct. He also claims that the company have killed more than the prescribed 100,000, but this charge has often been made before, and has often disproved As a matter of fact, the number killed is oftener less than 100,000, than more than that for various reasons, Besides, at each killing period the treasury department has an agent at the islands to protect the interests of the government

Though the Alaska company certainly enjoys a novel and valuable franchise at comparatively slight cost, it does not follow that corruption was used in securing it, nor dishonesty practiced in executing the contract. The latter has become valuable by reason of unforeseen events The lease was made about fourteen years ago, at a time when seal furs were not nearly so valuable in the markets of the world and so much in demand. At that time valuable seal fisheries in the Shetland islands supplied a large share of the world's demands Those fisheries are now exhausted, the decrease of fashion have quadrupled the demand for the delicate fur and the bulk of the world's supply must come from those two little islands up in Alaskan waters

Mr Henley is wrong in his estimate of the profits of the lease While it is true that skins cost, delivered in London, about $4 each, the company does not receive $30 for them by any means. By far the costliest process sealskin undergoes is the tanning, plucking and dyeing, and that is all done in London The dressed skin is worth about $25 or $30, but it costs fully one-third of that or more to prepare it for market, and with that the Alaska company has nothing to do. It is supposed that the company receive about $10 each for the skins in London. This would make about $1,000,000 a year, out of which they must pay the government rental, the cost of maintaining two Esquimaux villages the year round, and all the other costs attending the annual slaughter.

There is another and a novel element of risk in the lease which makes the company entitled to rather large profits. Disgusted at the annual slaughter of their offspring the parent seals may some day pack up and emigrate. The Shetland fisheries were exhausted in that way in a single year, and it requires the nicest care at the Alaska islands not to unduly alarm the herds at the annual killing None but "bulls" of a year's growth are killed. This is done at times when the young can be separated from the herds without alarming the latter. As it is, all the seals leave the islands after the breeding season is over, and are not seen again until the next year, when they come back with their young and go through the same process of nature If some year they should happen not to come back the Alaska commercial company would be out and injured with a $55,000 lease on its hands, with several years to run But this is not likely to happen

Objection has been made to the company that it is a semi political concern, conducted in republican interests. But, like other corporations that make great profits, this company has taken care to have democrats as well as republicans interested in it, so as to protect itself through both and against both parties Mr Henley, therefore, will hardly be able to hurt it.

In an interesting and valuable paper on the increase of wealth in the January *North American*, Mr Michael G. Mulhall traces the simultaneous growth in wealth of Great Britain, France, and the United States, as the three countries which have been the greatest accumulators in recent years He ascribes the unexampled prosperity of France to increase of British shipping, British banking and British colonial industries. Turning to the United States he says that "the American adds seven cents daily to the public fortune, which means that the United States are nearly $4,000,000 richer at sunset than they were at sunrise." He sees here the reverse of what is taking place in England "The wealth of the country," he says, "or at least the power of accumulation is tending westward to the prairies, whereas in England the agricultural capital and farming interests are every year diminishing" But the writer does not take a very encouraging view of this expansion of agricultural wealth through the west. In his opinion the idea that agriculture is the basis of all wealth, and that the plow is the emblem of prosperity, must be received with caution The commercial element, he urges, should predominate Merchants, according to him, are the best statesmen, and mercantile communities the most prosperous and enlightened.

The United States supreme court has recently rendered a decision holding a railroad company liable for the injury of one of its employes caused by the negligence of another of its employes in a different grade of service In the case before the court an engineer on one train had been injured by the negligence of the conductor on another The company set up the usual defense that it was no liable because both the engineer and conductor were its own employes The supreme court holds the company liable It says that the two employes were not fellow-servants. The conductor was in a superior and the engineer in a subordinate grade of service The court was not called upon to determine the law in a case of fellow-servants But it set aside the old common law rule in cases where the employes are not in the same grade of service The principle is not limited to railroads, but extends to all employes, and is an important advance in the direction of reason, justice and common sense, in which the highest courts of some of the states have anticipated the federal court

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A movement has begun in Boston to provide cheap but comfortable quarters at low rentals for the poor It has been shown by the experience of the dwellings association in London and Brooklyn that improved dwellings for the poor, properly constructed and systematically maintained, can be made profitable undertakings The investment of Mr Alfred White of Brooklyn in three-room and four-room dwellings, constructed under most liberal management, so far as the tenants are concerned has netted 7 per cent steadily for years, and yet the average rental to each tenant has been little more than seven dollars a month And the Improved Dwellings Company of London, which grew out of a private enterprise of Sir Sydney H Waterlow has paid 5 per cent per annum since its organization These enterprises have succeeded because they have been developed on true business principles, and have not been conducted on a charitable basis

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At the high court of judiciary at Pekin Tseng Ke Tsing recently condemned Li Pan Tsai two months' imprisonment for having knocked his wife down and kicked her to such an extent that she almost immediately died from lesion of the brain. The best prisoner was convicted of having stolen a letter containing two half sovereigns and fifty stamps His sentence was five years' penal servitude At the same time the mandarin Tseng Ke Tsing ordered a man who pleaded that he was obliged to pound his wife in order to make her attend to her household duties, to the house of correction for six years As between the two countries the sentences are

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Senator Sherman declares that the tonnage of the present silver dollar in the United States should cease, but he strongly opposes the withdrawal of the one and two dollar notes as proposed by the McPherson bill These small bills are a great convenience to many people, especially in mailing remittances for small sums through the mails, and they ought not to be withdrawn simply to make a market for silver

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A dishonest postoffice clerk who has just been convicted in Washington, showed the usual refined feelings of solicitude for his wife and children, and the sad effects his punishment would have upon them But as is usual in such cases he neglected to think of them before he took to stealing

REMARKS ON OF THE TAX LAWS

Equal Assessment Necessary to Equal Taxation. SUTHERLIN, Dec 30, 1884.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

In Mr Pettengill's article on equal taxation, the way property in this state is assessed and in consequence the unequal taxation that follows, is not noticed I think that the manner in which our assessors appraise property has quite as much to do with the general dissatisfaction as the mortgage tax law I should like to point to some of the inequalities that exist and give reasons, which, in my opinion, should call for the repeal of the mortgage tax law and the enactment of an other law to take the place of it not only that, but of the parts of our tax laws Mr Pettengill quotes from the Vermont law, parts of which I fully endorse, especially the parts that compel property owners to swear to the property that they have as correct and I would advocate compelling to the state of all concealed property as well a prosecution for perjury Also the assessor is sworn, under the pains and penalties of perjury, to appraise all property at its market value? If our assessments were made under that law, and the law enforced, the complaint of the money lenders would in a great measure cease

Mr. Pettengill says "The subjects of every state ought to contribute toward the support of the government, as nearly as possible, in proportion to their respective abilities" I am decidedly in favor of equal taxation, but we can not have equal taxation with unequal assessment. Money lenders complain that while money and notes are assessed at their full value, other property is assessed at one-third, or less, of its value, consequently the tax rate is high, and money pays more tax in proportion than other property I have known real estate to be assessed at one-tenth of its market value To tax credits is a temptation to evade the law, in giving in property to the assessor, as well as to create fictitious debts. Notes are only evidence that property is due to the holder of the note I would reduce the tax rate and tax all property where you find it, unless a stringent law could be passed that would be next to impossible to evade. The mortgage tax law was passed to prevent the wholesale evasion of the law, but it is unjust unless all property could be appraised at its full value. then the tax rate would be light, and money lenders would have no just cause of complaint. If credits were no taxed there would be very little chance to evade the law, as property would be assessed to the person in possession, with no indebtedness to deduct. I do not think, as Mr. Pettengill does, that "the most determined opposition to the mortgage tax law is made by the money lenders" All borrowers, or nearly all, favor the repeal of the law. Other people, too, see the injustice of the law that assesses one class twice or three as much as another If produce was high money would be plenty, but the stringent money market, combined with low prices, are most ruinous to the debtor class, and their need legislation that will make the money market easier There is "no worse advertisement" of a state or county than the high tax rate, we let it may not be equally as well known that the appraisement is as low as the tax rate is high. I think that some such law as the Vermont law would be far better than the mortgage tax law We need a law that will make tax rates equal, and our legislators no doubt will do their best to give us that legislation, as to legislate unfairly against any class will react and defeat the object aimed at, as the mortgage tax law did. I do not favor the repeal of the usury laws at present.

JOEL P GEER

THE MILITIA L. W.

PORTLAND Jan 8 1885

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN

Tuesday morning's issue of THE OREGONIAN contained some strictures on certain bills that has been prepared for the more efficient organization of the militia of the state. We have very carefully examined the measure proposed and find, on comparing it with the present law, that the proposed act does not provide for any increase in the military establishment of the state, nor for any increased expenditure of money on part of the state. It simply and most effectually provides for the more efficient instruction and discipline of the state militia. It makes what in the present law is loose, obscure or defective, rigid, definite and perfect It most effectually provides for an honest and profitable expenditure and application of the public money now disbursed in a loose, unprofitable manner. It fixes the duties of every man and officer in the militia in clear and definite terms names the measure of his accountability and to whom he is accountable

The provisions we seek to bring the militia of the state up to the plane occupied by the militia of the other states, and would enable the state at once to share in and receive such assistance from the general government as is contemplated by such measures as Slocum's bill

No sane person expects Oregon to organize and equip nine regiments and more after the passage of the proposed measure than under the present law.

Any one who is at all conversant with the lack of just, proper and needful provisions in the present law, cannot possibly object to any measure which, while it does not increase the expense, places it under the militia in more efficient, and firmly close the door against any useless expenditure of public money. The only question that presents itself is, shall the state annually expend several thousand dollars and receive no commensurate benefit, or shall she so change the law that she shall receive the benefits she should receive? There are many good, thoughtful men opposed to any state keeping a military organization of any character But they, however are probably but a small minority of mankind, and it is probable the majority will rather favor such organizations until the much nearer approach of the millennium

If the state is to have a militia organization she may as easily have an efficient one as a loose, undisciplined one Any soldier having the experience of a one rugged campaign knows that while esprit de corps is a highly desirable factor, no amount of it can supply the lack of organization, drill and discipline

It does not appear, either, that the promoters of this measure have any "hankering" for either military or militia glory Of the former some of them had all they wished, when the ridicule came wholly from south of Mason and Dixon's line. The era of the latter is about past, to be succeeded, we trust, by a long period of intelligent discharge of duty by the citizen soldiers of the state "LEGIS"

FROM "BIG BEND"

HYSSELTINE, W T, Dec 30, 1884

As we, in the "Big Bend," are beginning to feel sure of what we say, we need leave no hesitation about saying it, and letting the world at large know what so far as a county we know I will make this the first of a series of articles descriptive of northeastern Washington

There is nearly as great a difference between eastern and western Oregon and Washington as between California and Minnesota, in climate, productions and general adaptability Eastern Washington may be divided into two classes of country—stock country and farming country The best stock country is in the poorest agricultural districts as a rule, *i e*, the stony "scablands" are usually well watered by small ponds and furnish plenty of grass—bunch grass and rye grass North of the Northern Pacific railroad there are about 10,000 square miles of territory, about 3500 of which is tributary to farming lands, and the balance mixed but mostly stock range An acre will not can be estimated than three about 50,000 farms, of 160 acres each, north of the railroad At least three-fourths of this must be claimed by settlers, and the rest is being rapidly taken up. Its only drawback to the development of the country being a lack of transportation Farmers complain greatly because they have no means of shipping their produce to a consuming market But it seems that even this cannot be long against the successful development of that part The latter land, to which some of the nobler spirits in the country are willing for it to be put until a wide belt of the best agricultural land in the northwest, which would be self-sustaining, and capable of supporting a railroad, in case it should be built from the Northern Pacific at Spokane Falls, or Cheney, to Wenatchee, theme west through the Kittitas country to Ellensburgh City, crossing the Columbia at the most favorable point, and passing through the Yakima valley to Ahtanum, on the Columbia to Fort Simcoe, at the southern reservation, and probably but one will be built in an early day Meacham SCRIBENS

The steamer Beaver has been hauled off the beach and is now anchored in the upper end of Victoria harbor. Trees have been planted in her bottom with the intention of getting up steam and pumping the vessel out. It is said she will shortly be pressed into service again.

THE COEUR D'ALENE MINES.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE OREGONIAN

MURRAY Shoshone Co I T Dec 27 1884

The active mining season in the Coeur d'Alene district is close to the corner in the north with snow and the thermometer nothing to boast of, is following suit The prospect for a big winter is not to be sure The prospect is that there will be a large number of miners remain in the district for the winter, and in his solitary claim is making as little camp as for the early summer Development work will be done here, but not to the extent that it would be if the mines were reached by railroad facilities for hauling ore to the smelting furnaces would be a great saving to the owners of the mines

Mining work there can now be prosecuted to a degree of profitableness unknown and impossible in all the camps of the Coeur d'Alene region Most of the properties in the district are owned by men of small means, and the cost of working them has been a heavy drain upon their resources. The first season after the discovery of the Coeur d'Alene region is important for the Coeur d'Alene region Most of the properties in the district are owned by men of small means, and the cost of working them has been a heavy drain upon their resources. The first season after the discovery of the Coeur d'Alene region is important for the Coeur d'Alene region

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FOR RENT AND FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—NO 8 Morrison st between Second and Third [illegible]

WANTED SITUATION AS COOK IN A PRIVATE family or boarding house Call at 169 Second st [illegible]

WANTED ROOMS WE BOARD IN THE family of a Union soldier with wife references exchange of rent for work Address C. PO Box [illegible]

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PARTNER WANTED IN WELL KNOWN and established paying commission business must have capital of $1,000 [illegible] AGENCY

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CLERK WANTED—IN A LARGE RETAIL store, wages $75 per month must have good recommendations Address in own handwriting, stating age, experience, etc, A. J. WELCH La Grande Or

GIRLS WANTED 320 Pacific, COMMISsion st MRS. PLATO Dekum block

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

LADY GRADUATE WANTS POSITION AS [illegible] housekeeper HEATON AGENCY

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WANTED—BY A WIDE AWAKE BOY A SITuation of any kind where he can make a living Address E W J care Oregonian

SITUATION WANTED—YOUNG MAN MARried, not afraid of work thoroughly familiar with business of Portland A No 1 references 471d

DRESSMAKER WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT at 50 per [illegible] Cannot and will not work at home Hands from 6 to 8 Charges to suit the times Goes by the month 471d

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THE NEW YEAR'S NUMBER

may be had at the various News Stands, at this office and by letter mail to any Eastern people. Mailed to any part of the United States for ten cents per copy.

NOTICE TAKE TO-DAY

[illegible] & Co's assortment, No 4 [illegible]

PERSONAL.

W. H. McCartney of Spokane [illegible] is at the

Frank of Frank & Co painters is [illegible] at the Holton house. He will leave [illegible] for southern California.

[illegible] He will sail for San Francisco next [illegible] his wife, who has been spending [illegible] there.

A. J. Rudd, who arrived in San Luis [illegible] yesterday, telegraphed that he: son Ed [illegible] right arm was amputated, was as [illegible] be expected.

[illegible] Hirschhoefer of Hittenhoefer Haas [illegible] started east via San Francisco on the [illegible] was registered a few days ago at the [illegible] House, New York city.

[illegible] H. Sanborn, purchasing agent of the [illegible] Pacific, returned yesterday. He re[illegible] the railroad commissioners as far as [illegible] and did not work back.

[illegible] Wright, leading man of the Grismer-[illegible] combination, received a telegram [illegible] the inheritance of £5000 through [illegible] in England.

[illegible] Anderson and the party of railroad [illegible] surveyors who have been studying the to[illegible] of the Columbia river gorge since the [illegible] left Wednesday for the east.

[illegible] Gilbert, formerly a resident of Walla [illegible] for the past year has been sojourning [illegible] and Nevada, returned to the north [illegible] the last steamer, and will locate in [illegible].

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

[illegible] regular meeting of the Judith Montefiore [illegible] resolutions were passed tendering [illegible] thanks to the Rev Dr J. Bloch for his [illegible] service in organizing the society, and [illegible] untiring energy in superintending the [illegible] recent festival. The thanks of the [illegible] are also tendered to the several gentlemen [illegible] and gentleman who contributed [illegible] to our first entertainment.

[illegible] of the Judith Montefiore Society

MRS P. WASSERMAN, President.

THE STAGE.

"The Dakota" at the second [illegible] night drew a crowded house [illegible] incidental to the opening night [illegible] passed out, and a splendid performance [illegible] the result. Upon this stop higher ito [illegible] seems the management are entitled.

[illegible] SHERIFF COURT

[illegible] vs. [illegible] U. A. M., full bench present. [illegible] Bechtel, plaintiff and respondent, vs. [illegible] County, appeal from Multnomah [illegible] appeal and submitted. Judge Thayer, [illegible] as attorney in the cause, did not sit. [illegible] Moore, respondent, plaintiff vs. [illegible], defendant respondent, and Levi [illegible] appellant cause on trial.

Art Instruction

[illegible] Chandler will receive pupils in art [illegible] instruction on Saturdays at 1 P. M. The [illegible] Academy of Painting was [illegible] from Miss [illegible] the oldest Fine Art College in America, [illegible] twenty years her studio has been in the [illegible] Portland Art Rooms, by of Buffalo, N. [illegible] Studies in Water Color painting, Pastel [illegible], Pen Drawing, and Drawing from life. [illegible] Stamp Attorney of Princess [illegible] Agencies. Terms, $1 per lesson.

Oysters for All.

[illegible] cans of fresh Baltimore oysters [illegible] consigned by C. A. Malmsten. This [illegible] stock which was intended for the Bald Mountain [illegible] detained by the blockade. The oysters [illegible] are to be obtained and are in prime condition. [illegible] Dispose of them promptly he has [illegible] at actual cost, 75 cents per can until [illegible] cases can now enjoy the luxury of [illegible] oysters in the world. Every can warranted.

[illegible] Boxes at about the old rental in Barting[illegible] Trade over where. Palace Dining Cars [illegible] Sleepers, all the comforts of a home [illegible] the line A. L. Mercer, ticket agent [illegible] Oregon, will give you your tickets over that route.

[illegible] Journal, Century and Harper for [illegible] Ladies' Delsarte Co's.

Notice

[illegible] who have made any change of residence or [illegible] Dec. 15th, are requested to send their [illegible] to their address to L. Falk & Co., [illegible] 122 Front street.

[illegible] of sending papers to the [illegible] Edward [illegible].

[illegible] Pacific Oregon Short Line, and [illegible] Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R's.

[illegible] transcontinental line you may travel [illegible] for in point of connection the Oregon [illegible] Pacific is the finest. Its [illegible] are the best in the world. Return passengers [illegible] trains by the Union Pacific will [illegible] Ticket Agent O. R. & N. and all [illegible] Wharf [illegible], General Agent, corner Ash and [illegible] Portland, Or.

The Pacific Express Company

[illegible] now prepared to transact a general [illegible] between San Francisco Portland and points [illegible] and respectfully solicits a share of public [illegible] Operates in Oregon solely with [illegible] reliable connections to all parts of the [illegible] Europe. For rates and other [illegible] apply at the Company's office, Washington street, [illegible] Johns Agt Pacific Express Co, and North [illegible] Express Co.

New Orleans Exposition.

[illegible] desire to travel to New Orleans and return [illegible] will please call at my office, 124 Front [illegible] and Stark, and I will inform you [illegible] and St. Paul R'y, at Front street [illegible].

[illegible]'s Refreshment Parlors,

[illegible] delicacies of the season. Lunches and [illegible] dinners from 5 to 8 P. M. Queen and Chinook teas, to order. Outside [illegible]. Chickens resident in the city.

The Quaker Dairy

[illegible] Front street, open day and night. Hot rolls [illegible] all varieties choice Steaks, oysters, &c. [illegible] at all hours.

[illegible] Cooked at residence for any destination by [illegible] 25 cts per dish of the convenience. Leave [illegible] Second and Stark. Telephone 222.

CITY NOTICES.

[illegible] Store.

[illegible] for oysters.

[illegible] Parlors, next to G. [illegible]

[illegible] and party nuts C. [illegible] on Morrison [illegible].

[illegible] choice cuts Butty First and Jefferson [illegible].

[illegible] and pure chemicals at Nelson Hall [illegible].

[illegible], Wood Tarts—At the old stand, foot of [illegible] street.

[illegible] and repaired by John Harbaugh 24 [illegible].

[illegible] line of holiday goods at Nelson Hall [illegible].

[illegible] headquarters, No 20 Stark [illegible] room as artist.

[illegible] Soap [illegible]—best in the world. H. Sab[illegible] 124 First street.

[illegible] Franklin [illegible] Prescriptions carefully [illegible] Stark streets.

[illegible] takes coffee at Hare [illegible] Bon Ton coffee [illegible] Stark restaurant, 5 North First.

[illegible] grades of wines, liquors and cigars at the [illegible] corner Second and Alder.

[illegible] oysters to order. Free [illegible] for oysters [illegible] building.

[illegible] Carriages from the orbital at 8 o'clock A. M. [illegible] from 10 to 2 parties and theatres.

[illegible] Goods and [illegible] at cost prices to get [illegible] Struggle for trade [illegible] Merchant A. [illegible] Second st.

[illegible] Fresh [illegible] every day at the [illegible] Second st.

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BUSINESS ITEMS.

THE VIENNA COFFEE HOUSE [illegible] Cafe and Restaurant, 64 and 66 Second st. Oysters in every style.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ELUDING A WEEKLY CUT CLAIM.—News are scarce, as you, gentle reader, are probably aware. Reporters now go hunting for items as miners go for new placers, trying to conceal their movements from their rivals and exploring every crevice where a news nugget is likely to be found. Yesterday afternoon the doors of three offices in the U. S. court department opened and emitted simultaneously and a reporter came forth from each as fine by and mysterious sly as the old prospector in La Fontaine from his cell. When each of the others, all gave a loud wash. Subsequent inquiring revealed the fact that neither was [illegible] Considerable paper was [illegible] and it was found that neither had a note. The whole finishing product to yield an item. They proceeded in company to the county court house and at the entrance parted company to "break the record" each starting out to go the rounds of the building on his own hook. After some time spent in exploring and finding nothing an important suit was found to have been commenced, and as the gang were wading through the verbiage and cut-and-dried legal phrases of the complaint in search of the nuts of the item, the plaintiff swooped down upon them and rescued the document at arms. He said the matter was his own private business, and he did not want it published. So the reporters, hungry and tired, climbed the winding stairs to the courtroom, where two pounds on the clerk's journal, and finding a page and a half of entries about it, "There is something to fill up with." After they had worked half an hour the clerk was told to know what they were so long copying those two or three entries for. Investigation showed that the book had been opened to a new [illegible] registered a few days ago at the [illegible], New York city.

LIVING THE LIFE OF A FERRET.—Residents in the vicinity of Summit station are puzzled and mystified by the actions of an elderly man who has a sort of burrow in a thicket on the west-side road, between the deep cut and the county road. His only shelter is a few pieces of board. In this rude shelter he has lived for over two years. It was feared that he had perished during the late storm but he came out all right. He lives almost exclusively on wheat, coming to town every day and collecting the wheat from railroad cars standing on side tracks. This grain he is supposed to eat dry. He is occasionally seen collecting frozen apples in the orchards, which probably serve him for sauce to his wheat. No one knows who he is or where he comes from, and he lives in his burrow unmolested and unmolesting. He had a close call not long since, when some one cut down a huge fir tree, the limbs of which fire had it dust out of his residence but fortunately did not wipe him out. If he feels inclined to gratify the curiosity of his neighbors regarding him, he may call at the reporters' room of THE OREGONIAN and give a synopsis of his history.

LOWER CITY TAX THIS YEAR.—The committee on ways and means of the common council have as yet not held a meeting to consider the tax levy for 1885, but there have been numerous informal discussions of the matter among nearly all the members. The thanks of the entire council that the taxes for the coming year shall not be more than 10 mills, and no strong effort will be made to get the levy down to 9 mills. The estimate for the fire department is already in and will be cut down a little. Many members of the council is inclined to withhold anything reasonable for salaries, horses or apparatus, but a few little items, neither one of which by itself amounts to much, but which aggregate considerable, ought to be lopped off, they think. The commissioners, however, have made a large of the expenditures and the council can only vote or refuse appropriations. Whatever may be the levy, expenditures in all departments will be inside to fit it, so that the city will not have a deficiency to carry over into next year. The disposition to give an economical administration is strongly marked.

LIGHTING THE STREETS.—Councilman Gerdes, speaking in favor of his ordinance for lighting the streets of the city, which he introduced at the meeting of the common council Wednesday night, says: "My ordinance is just what the city needs. It is what it has had in the past without any change, and although there is no necessity for making extra expenditures during the coming year, yet we ought not to go back into the dark ages and light the streets only with oil. That part of the city where gas lamps are erected and which have already been lighted by gas should still be lighted the same way and oil-ers did be used where it is seen in the past. The ordinance, in keeping with all changes, also provides for electric lights, if the council desires to have them, in front of any of the public buildings. It would be a good idea to have one in front of each engine house, for they need light there, if anywhere, when they have to turn out at night for a fire. Lamps in front of the city jail, the council chamber and the postoffice would also look well for the city."

ROAD SUPERVISORS APPOINTED.—Time was when it was difficult to secure suitable men for supervisors of road districts in this county. The remuneration is not great nor is the amount of money handled by the supervisor very large, but there is fun about it, he has complete control of all the money he collects, and is responsible to no one for the manner in which the money is disposed of. This fact renders it necessary that an honest man should fill the position of road supervisor. At present there seems to be no lack of applicants for the position, there being half a dozen applications from some of the districts, causing the county court an embarrassment. Those desiring to be considered for this year: District No 1, R. A. Sutherland, No 2, J. K. Holmes, No 3, Samuel Scott, No 4, S. D. Powell No 5, C. Christiansen; No 6, H. B. Oatman No 8, Fred Bonfield, No 9, Fred Scott No 10 W. P. Jones No 11, Gustaf Peterson.

MURRAY CHEERFUL.—To an OREGONIAN reporter who inquired at the county jail yesterday how Murray was getting along, Jailer Dougherty replied: "First rate he has just finished graining the doors of my house." "Great Scott," said the reporter, "a man under sentence of death pass your doors weren't you afraid he would get away?" "Not much," said Dougherty, "he was longing for something to do so I just brought the doors over here and let him work on them." The reporter then called on Murray, who appeared cheerful, but wished for something to do. He said if he had some pain he would like to "die" the jail in marble blocks, so that it could be washed and would last for years. Dougherty is anxious to furnish Murray with something to keep him busy—and failing in anything better will bring his whole house in in sections and have it planed. Murray feels hopeful of a commutation of sentence, and has some friends working in his behalf.

OLD CARS BROUGHT OUT.—It was rather a singular sight yesterday for a large number of idlers to watch three old fashioned rod-bobbed street cars being hauled up Washington street from the dock out to First. They were the [illegible] murder of" box dispatching stock of the East street car line and had been stored on the lower wharf. Fearing a flood, they were removed to the barn below the Clarendon hotel. As they were lifted on the track and started down street the contrast was strongly marked between them and the bright, roomy, well ventilated cars with a platform at each end now in use and some men, wondered how Portland people ever consented to ride in the slow, dingy, uncomfortable boxes for years and years. Yet the change occurred less than two years ago.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A distressing accident occurred four miles south of McMinnville on Tuesday last, which resulted fatally to Milton, a 12 year old son of Mr. A. W. Huffman. In company with an older brother, he was out hunting. The boys had but one gun between them and took turns in shooting. The elder brother saw a duck and cocked the gun to shoot at the same time the victim saw another, but had not noticed the first. Neither did he see that his brother was ready to shoot. Being anxious to shoot, he started for the gun grabbing it and pulling it toward him, muzzle first. While doing this the gun was discharged, the contents entering all of the center of his breast, tearing a large hole and killing him instantly.

NEWS FROM THE RANGES.—Now, that the back of the winter has been broken, news from the stock ranges of eastern Oregon is eagerly looked for by many. A letter has been received here from Van Houghton Bros. of Rim Rock Ranch, 100 miles south of The Dalles, where, on December 28th, the snow was forty-five inches deep. Van Houghton Bros. had all their sheep and were feeding 8000 head and 70 cattle and horses. No actual losses of stock are reported. But several parties are spoken of as having large bands of sheep, but no feed. It is to be hoped that, owing to the speedy change of the weather no little loss will be experienced.

THE TRAINS.—Yesterday the Pacific express arrived here at 4:30 P. M. Today's train ought to be in at 9 A. M. Both passenger trains which left here Wednesday reached Wallula Junction on the Walla Walla O. R. & N. line, but a few hours behind time. There have been a few very small slides, but none which the section-hands could not easily remove. About two-thirds of the snow is gone, and if the present clear weather keeps up trains will be running nearly on schedule time by Sunday.

THE YAMS.—The snow, [illegible] to persons who "just hate to write letters," but they have to make up for it now. It would seem that Portlanders lost no time in answering mail received from the east. Quantities here were dropped into the street boxes and the postoffice upwards of 40 000 letters, a good share of which were dispatched last night. About 75 000 Portland letters were received by the first train. All the packages were segregated yesterday, and news dealers may call for them as early this morning as they wish. It will be well for large dealers to send express wagons. A great number of packages have been received for the carriers' department, and notices will be left to-day for the persons to whom they are addressed. Considerable paper mail has been disposed of, and everything will be cleaned up by closing hours to-night.

DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO.—W. G. Crocker, of the well known grocery firm of Meacham & Crocker of this city, died at San Francisco on Tuesday last. He had been ailing for some time past and went to San Francisco for the benefit of his health. On his arrival there he went to the French hospital, where he died after only only one night's stay. The deceased was 36 years old and leaves a wife and a 3-year old daughter in this city. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and will be buried in San Francisco by that order. Mr. Crocker formerly resided in Butte, California. Though he has been a resident of Portland only about two years he had made many friends, who will be sorry to learn of his death.

LOGS LOST.—The rise in the Cowlitz has carried away a great many logs. About 4,000,000 feet belonging to Hartley and 1,000,000 feet belonging to Pumphrey were swept out of Mequa creek into the Cowlitz, and with over half a million feet belonging to Hill & Paxton were carried down into the Columbia, and are about a total loss to their owners. A raft of logs belonging to Smith Bros. & Co. which broke away from Rose island is lodged against one of the piers intended for the Morrison street bridge. They will be towed to a place of safety as soon as it is feasible to do so.

FELL DOWN A HATCHWAY.—Yesterday afternoon Thomas Kelly, the youngest apprentice boy aboard the British bark Craig Mullen, lying at the Albina mill, fell from the upper deck down the main hatchway and struck head first on the keelson. He was rendered unconscious and was picked up for dead. A physician was summoned by telephone from this side and it [illegible] reported the young man's consciousness returned and good hope of him pulling through. He was kept aboard ship, though arrangements had been made for his admission to St. Vincent's.

NO FREIGHT RECEIVED TO-DAY.—On account of the rush of freight offering for points on their line, the O. R. & N. are obliged to refuse freight to-day. The Willamette being high, there is small room on the in-lines for conference facilities for handling freight are smaller now than usual, and the offerings much larger. So to avoid a blockade, all freight received up to last night will be disposed of to-day, and shipments will be received early to-morrow morning. In this way the freight now piled up and all future offerings will have speedier dispatch than if a halt was not called for twenty-four hours.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.—H. H. Odell, champion skater of Illinois, and Johnnie Mansell, the acknowledged champion skater of this city, will skate a two-mile race for $50 at the Mechanics' pavilion on Saturday night. There will be a good band of music in attendance and the people of this city will have an opportunity of seeing a first class fast and fancy skating contest. The price of admission will be fifty cents for gentlemen, ladies free.

NEW CITY BUILDERS.—The Port and Construction Company have commenced the erection of a coal bunker between Ainsworth and Steamboat docks. It is being built for the Oregon improvement Company. There will be four iron chutes for delivering to coal wagons for city consumption. The work is well under way and will be completed in about three weeks. The entire structure will cost, when completed, about $10,000.

OPEN JOINT RAISED.—The police raised an open joint on Second street, near Taylor, last evening, and captured four Caucasian heads, which gave the following names: Frank Austin, Chas. McGuire, W. H. Wilson and Geo. Thompson. Frank Wolf, proprietor of the joint, was also captured, and two rather cheap lay-outs.

FATALLY DAMAGED.—The amount of goods damaged by the flood at Wm. Strowbridge & Co.'s bankrupt store is not at first quite stated, and the loss will be paid by the bondsmen. The goods have been placed up stairs over the store for the present until appraised.

BRIEF MENTION.

Some 500 snow shovelers were paid off yesterday afternoon at Ainsworth wharf.

Mr. A. H. Johnson yesterday gave the children at The Home a fine, fat salmon.

Somewhat cooler yesterday. The thermometer at 8 P. M. marked 30, at midnight 27 degrees.

The celebration of "Jackson's day" in this city was by a saloon keeper, who stuck out a flag.

Charles L. DuBois leaves this evening for Helena, where he will engage in the fur business.

At midnight the Willamette here stood 10 feet 1 inch, a rise of fifteen inches in twenty-four hours.

Mary L. Gregory has brought suit in the state circuit court against H. M. and Anna Riggs to foreclose a mortgage of $700.

The "Lottery of Life" continues to be the attraction at the New Market and will run through the week at reduced prices.

The British bark Martha Easter goes down the river to-day with full cargo. She may here early one week, having arrived last Thursday.

The Harrington (W. T.) Times of January 2 comments on the Manilla wrapping paper, with the following at the head: "Oh time, you liar."

In the matter of the estate of Horn an Stern [illegible] Judge Stephens has set January [illegible] for hearing the final account of the administrator.

A letter received yesterday from Mr. A. D. Lee, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, announces that his company [illegible] has not improved. He will remain in St. Paul for mental treatment.

S. Rosen, wife and others of Rosenburg, Wis., will start Thursday next via San Francisco, are liable to be snowed in the two land passes via the Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul short lines.

According to the San Francisco papers business is picking up in the Standard Theater, of which H. W. Stechhan, formerly of this city, is the manager. He has taken into partnership himself "the plump comedian" Charley Reed.

The jet bear which formerly belonged to Colonel Steiner, and which first and last has furnished a good many items for reporters, has finally been killed, and the other morning French Joe very facetiously remarked that it was not Portland bear long, I suppose.

A blacksmith in the east side shops fell from a freight train near the East Portland station last evening and got a splinter run into his leg below the knee. He was taken back to the car shops, and his name could not be learned.

David C. Gordon, who died in this city December 26 was buried yesterday afternoon in Lone Fir cemetery. The funeral was delayed to permit of the presence of the mother of the deceased who was one of the snowbound passengers and who would have been her son arrived in time.

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STEAMER AGROUND

A Vessel Ashore at Shoalwater Bay—Special Dispatch as to what Steamer it Is.

The Merchant's Exchange Bulletin of the following yesterday afternoon from Cape Hancock signal station:

"Report just received at Fort Canby says Steamer ashore on Shoalwater bay. No particulars."

No doubt the news came by the mail carrier from Oysterville to Ilwaco, hence to the cape by the General Miles on her regular trip. In the absence of any news regarding the probable steamer in question, and 40 degrees below zero, it is not surprising with Minister Willson was rescued from the [illegible] and [illegible] by the Portland fleet, as the Oregonian had left Ashore of the Columbia is a port here and the Queen of the Pacific is in San Francisco. It may possibly be the San Pedro, which sailed from San Francisco on the 5th for Departure bay and would be off the mouth of Shoalwater bay some time on the 7th. Our Victoria shipping news mentions no steamer having in the ship or ship. Nothing further could be learned concerning the disaster from Astoria or Cape Hancock last night.

A special to THE OREGONIAN from San Francisco in answer to an inquiry says: "The son of Captain Goodall, of Goodall, Perkins & Co., was seen this evening regarding the steamer reported ashore near Shoalwater bay. He says it is not one of the Pacific Coast Company's steamers, and believes it to be one of the numerous colliers plying along that portion of the coast.

A fog has prevailed along the coast for two days, and this accounts for the accident.

THE CHARTER COMMITTEE

They Close Their Labors Last Evening Having Added Many Things and Proposed Some Radical Changes.

An adjourned meeting of the citizens' committee, appointed by the board of trade to revise the city charter, was held last evening in the council chamber, and their labors, except for the making of their report to the board of trade, concluded. All the members were present except Mr. J. C. Moreland.

Mr. Failing submitted a report upon the various sections referred to him at the last meeting, which were all adopted.

Judge Deady said that in looking over the charter the night before he had felt called upon to do some voluntary work which, by consent of the committee, he submitted. This was an extra chapter, which is to take the place of and repeal the act authorizing the fire department in this city. Judge Deady's chapter is much shorter than the act, and cuts out entirely the board of fire commissioners and their secretary. The chief engineer is to be paid $2200 and is to give his whole time to the department, taking entire charge. The first assistant is to be paid $500 and is to perform the duties of secretary, which would make a saving of $900 in salaries. The salaries of other members of the department would remain unchanged. This chapter was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Judge Deady it was decided to style the "commissioners of office and employment," "city commissioners," as being a less heavy title.

Upon motion of Mr. Failing it was decided that the auditor and clerk might not be the treasurer of the commissioners, but should be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council.

Mr. Pennoyer moved to reconsider the motion and make all the chief offices elective ones.

The chair ruled that he had not voted on the proper side to entitle him to move to reconsider as he was accordingly ruled out of order.

Upon motion of Judge Deady, the clerk of the committee, Mr. Carlisle, was instructed to prepare a copy of the work of the committee for publication in THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

Mr. McKee moved to give the mayor a salary of $2000 per annum which was lost.

Judge Caffin wanted to pay the city commissioners a salary, because they would have a great deal of work to do, but this did not prevail.

A motion was made to reconsider the matter of salaries which was done and that of the police judge was reduced from $2400 to $1800, the present salary. An attempt to reduce the salary of commissioner of streets below the price fixed, $1800, did not succeed.

The committee then adjourned to meet at the board of trade rooms next Monday evening.

THE EAST SIDE.

MEETING OF CHARTER REVISERS.

The citizens' committee met Wednesday evening pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Rafferty in the chair and all members present except Huckman.

The reading of the charter was resumed and completed.

Mr. Newell moved that article 6, relating to the establishment and improvement of streets, be referred to a special committee of three in order to consider the amendments recommended by Judge Bellinger said committee to report at the next meeting. Motion carried and Messrs. Bowell, Turnbull and Pond were appointed as said committee.

The remainder of the business consisted in the consideration of amendments postponed from the previous meeting, with a few additional ones, including a provision for a new ordinance.

The amendment to make the limit of the indebtedness $75 000, instead of 1 per cent. of taxable property, and to authorize the issuance of bonds, not to exceed $30,000, bearing 8 per cent. interest, for the purpose of purchasing the present water works or establishing new ones, came up for action, and on motion of Joseph, the proposition to change the limit of indebtedness was rejected. Dalton amended so as to provide for a "sufficient sum" for the purchase or establishment of water works, in lieu of specifying a limit. This amendment was accepted and the amendment as amended was adopted.

The amendment defining the method of making the city assessment, being a revision of the present provision thereof, with the clause relating to indebtedness left out, was adopted, Turnbull voting no.

Dalton moved to increase the limit of assessment from six to seven mills West moved to indefinitely postpone. Pond amended to postpone until next meeting, the amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

The amendment in making it the duty of both the street commissioner and city surveyor to inspect the improvement of all streets and bridges and certify to the same to the common council, was adopted, Turnbull voting no.

The amendment to regulate the granting of franchises to railroads was, on motion of Joseph, referred to the sub-committee on the improvement of streets.

Dalton moved an amendment requiring the recorder, surveyor and street commissioner and marshal to give bonds not less than $1000, and the treasurer in an amount to be decided by the city council current.

Bond moved an amendment giving the council power to restrain domestic animals from running at large, carried.

The amendment relating to licensing hacks to the recorder and marshal as provided in section 5 article 6, and suggested the advisability of transferring them to the city treasury.

Adjourned to meet Friday evening.

ANNUAL CHURCH ELECTION.

At the annual meeting of the First Congregational church, Holladay's addition, held Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clerk, Miss M. A. Walker; treasurer, Mrs. Somers; trustees, C. H. Flanders, O. P. Jones, M. Bancroft, Geo. W. Cox, C. H. Hamilton, O. B. Jones, Christian, Geo. W. Fox.

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COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY

WHEAT—The week has been refreshing on the wheat trade. With the turn of the year forward values were tending upward to the evident surprise of operators. The result of a rapid stock taking, abroad created new inquiry for grain. Stocks proved to be much low r than generally noticed and dealers and speculators raced for the market which still improved up to the 6th when the highest values were noted. The advance between December 10 and January 6 was 2@3c on California 2@4c on Oregon winter and about the same in spring, cargoes. To-day there is a general decline of 60 for in the higher powers. Chicago advanced from 80 @ 81 @ for February falling off and then partly recovering, closing at 80. New York advanced sharply but closes irregular and lower. San Francisco shared the advance and has backed down slightly with the others. No doubt the drive came of the stagnation in the export stocks of Great Britain this produced a generally unfavorable impression which caused orders which formed liquidation. The present drop is but a reaction from the surprise of being especially off coast-spot and prompt for distant delivery remains good. The fact that British remain in check are not well informed they are cargoes of spot and this is point to quite a good idle factor sustaining, other bearing the week's down much might be said but the actual facts enabled will furnish plenty of food for reflection. In the local market the wheat on hand is not large enough to do more than the interest shippers largely control operation to spot lots not coming, to buy so that declines be the cause of the reverse. This serves to establish relatively higher prices on the spot. Round lot or cargo lot were held up by holder and odd small lots were paid at times. Ordinary lots sold at 81 @ or a fraction better with 81 @ paid in one instance for a special parcel. The closing bid is 81 17½@1 18 with anything more, except for round lots, being a matter of uncertainty not one of possibility. In the interior trading has not been free and most buyers have kept offers relatively below our quotations. This has given first sellers a reason for now grumbling but there appears no help for it as shippers have not completed. With Walla Walla nominally quoted at 81 @1 14 in the absence of business, but receipts are so much looked for as they are also quoted at 81 @ holding up the figure, may be conceded some distrust appears at the close but it is generally conceded that foreign values will not be matter ally lowered Or no new or market hinges upon these advices and they will be watched with interest.

The aggregate supply of wheat in sight in the United States exclusive of California and Oregon and Canada December 24 was 43 068 450 bushels and that of corn 4 6 .52 bushels—against in the preceding week 1 xhibit in aggregate of 1 000 000 bushels wh at and 4 017 2 0 bushels corn—and a year ago in aggregate of 37 4 .50 bushels wheat and 3 4 .00 bushels corn

FLOUR—A movement is on foot to put up the price of standards to $4 25 in sympathy with higher cost of wheat. Stocks at the moment are light with a very good call. Standards quoted at $4 outside brands generally in good stock although some of the favorites are nearly out. Leaving the week the Portland and City of Salem with each took up a vessel for flour loading. Exports to San Francisco are light so far. Wall Walla has been receiv d of late. Should wheat values be maintained flour values will doubtless be advanced.

MILLSTUFF—With the last day of December San Francisco bran and shorts on the year-bran contracts had to be settled and the request towards the close was good. Oregon bran bringing $18. These contracts settled values rose full to their proper level as supplies were fully ample to all trade needs. In the local market bran is very scarce to-day, first values being advanced. It is fully expected that a very few days will see a decline to the usual figures as all liveries will be increased. While shipping, outlet closed thereto subject to lower. We quot jobbing values bran $ 0 @ 0 ; chop $16 @ 0 ; shorts $16 @ 0 ; mid dlings $22 @ 0 ; ground barley $22@24

OATS—Small business done during the week dealers purchasing spring, conviction that advance could be established and hoping that a full inward movement would turn values in their favor The few sales made were at 2 for in exact to 3c for choice feed. The market is not expected to show any important change but only ripe to will weakness ghtly. We now quot 30@ for fair to choice feed. The outside figure is an extreme as bids do not exceed 3c

POTATOES—A very fair demand has been had and extreme prices at times been realized. Toward the close the tone of the market is somewhat weaker with a general inclination to make 25c the paying price. In some directions 30c was lately offered for choice for shipment but this is not gen erally by any means. As a quotation 25@ 0 per bushe is given. The shipping outlet is shown some improvement while buying is looked upon as really helpful. We note the loss from some spotted tubers. Lots at the river ports of once dumped in the interior

ONIONS—Sold readily at San Francisco. The local jobbing price remains at 1 @ 1 5c the shipping price being for

APPLES—Very choice fruit brings an advance on the quotations 1 @ for good to choice for shipment. The local request is only fair while but a few varieties are wanted. Poor to slow not

TROPICAL FRUITS—Small trade doing. Selling prices are: Oranges $2 @ for Bananas $3 lemons $6 @ limes $1 25

VEGETABLES—Most California being received and with arrivals of local the market is quite fully supplied Cabbage selling at 1c @ per dozen and cauliflower $1 10 per dozen

BUTTER—California in light arrival but fair stock at 20@22½c, as to grade. Eastern lots about out, although early receipts are expected. Local remains in very much the same condition as at along reported. Good to choice brings 25@30c. with little of the ordinary receipts coming up to the choice standard. Poor to common continues

Markets by Telegraph

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO Jan 8—Weather thick wind light easterly

Receipts Wheat 18 000 ctls flour 5 000 ctls shorts 0 ctls potatoes 1100 sks.

Freight The market is easily Charcoal for wheat from San Pedro to London Brit Ter Bark wood from ports pr t, for United King dom or continent Br sh Anglo American wood 1 5 tons private Pro to Hamburg Brsh Iryad round from to Liverpool Brsh Lord Downshire Cardiff Irish Warwick Castle Sydney Irish Belle wood Eng Channel Brsh Sir Lancelot Liverpool Brsh Baron Ailsa Newcastle Irish Brsh Duntrune Castle London Irish Conqueror with Chicago Brsh Bright Castle Hull Irish Crown of Italy Liverpool Sh Indiana New York Portland Sh Abraham Barker Boston ship Ellen Sinclair Bremen Sh Ship Roger and Sherman Antwerp Irish Lord Downshire Cardiff Irish Warwick Castle Sydney Irish Belle wood Eng Channel Brsh Sir Lancelot Liverpool Brsh Baron Ailsa Newcastle Irish Brsh Duntrune Castle London Irish Conqueror with Chicago Brsh Bright Castle Hull Irish Crown of Italy Liverpool Sh Indiana New York Portland Sh Abraham Barker Boston ship Ellen Sinclair Bremen Sh Ship Roger and Sherman Antwerp Irish Lord Downshire Cardiff Irish Warwick Castle Sydney At Union Liverpool

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